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SENATE FILE 441
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1129)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 14, 2017)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of birth certificates and
2 providing for a repeal.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 144.13A, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2017,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. The state registrar shall charge the parent a fee of
4 twenty dollars for the registration of a certificate of birth
5 ~~as follows:~~

6 ~~a. Beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, a fee~~
7 ~~of fifteen dollars.~~

8 ~~b. Beginning July 1, 2005, a fee of twenty dollars.~~

9 2. The state registrar shall charge the parent a separate
10 fee established under section 144.46 for a certified copy of
11 the certificate. The certified copy shall include all of the
12 information included in the original certificate of birth and
13 shall be letter-sized. The certified copy shall be mailed to
14 the parent by the state registrar. The mailing of a certified
15 copy of the certificate to a biological parent shall not be
16 precluded by the execution of a release of custody under
17 chapter 600A, and, upon request, a biological parent shall be
18 provided with a certified copy of the certificate unless the
19 parental rights of the biological parent are terminated.

20 Sec. 2. Section 144.13A, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
21 following new subsection:

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. a. If, during the period between
23 May 1993 and October 2009, a parent was issued a smaller than
24 letter-sized certified copy of the certificate of birth under
25 this section, which did not include all of the information
26 included in the original certificate of birth, upon request
27 of a parent, the state registrar shall issue to the parent a
28 single letter-sized certified copy replacement that includes
29 all of the information provided in the original certificate of
30 birth. A parent shall not be required to exchange the smaller
31 certified copy for the larger certified copy replacement, but
32 may retain the smaller certified copy.

33 b. Notwithstanding the amount of the fee charged under
34 subsection 2, the state registrar shall not charge a fee
35 for the issuance of a single letter-sized certified copy of

1 the certificate of birth requested by a parent under this
2 subsection.

3 *c.* This subsection shall not apply if a new certificate of
4 birth was substituted for the original certificate of birth
5 pursuant to section 144.24.

6 *d.* The department shall post the application form and
7 instructions for requesting a letter-sized certified copy
8 replacement as specified in this subsection on the department's
9 internet site. This paragraph is repealed June 30, 2022.